



THE Copartnership betwixt ALEXANDER LEARMONTH AND SON having been dissolved the beginning of last July, the winding up of that concern is the department of Alexander Learmonth.

AN AUCTION of valuable BOOKS, which belonged to an eminent Clergyman, lately deceased, will begin on Monday the 18th day of December, at the Auction-room below Balfour's Colledgehouse. In the files of the two last days are contained above 150 volumes of curious and scarce Pamphlets. During the days of sale, Gentlemen may see the books at the place of auction, between the hours of eleven and three o'clock. Catalogues to be had gratis at the shops of W. Gray, C. Elliot, and P. Anderson. The auction will begin each evening at six o'clock.

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Circular LETTER, from the PRESIDENT of CONGRESS, to his Excellency the GOVERNOR of RHODE-ISLAND, intercepted in the Rebel mail, as mentioned in our last. Philadelphia, Oct. 6, 1780.

SIR, Your Excellency will receive herewith inclosed an act of Congress of the 21st ult. containing a new arrangement of the army. Special reasons have delayed the sending it forward to the States until this time.

By this arrangement the number of battalions is greatly reduced, and of consequence many of the officers now retained in the service, must retire for the present; but after a just and equitable compensation is made to them, the saving of expence will be very great.

Congress are extremely anxious, not only to avoid the dangers and embarrassments heretofore experienced by delays in recruiting the army until the opening of the campaign, but also to establish a permanent army of troops engaged for the war, to consist of such numbers as may be adequate to the service, and at the same time not exceed the ability of the States to raise and support, and constantly recruit, so as to keep up the number.

It is recommended to the States, in the most pressing manner, to have their regiments completed, and in the field, by the first day of January next at farthest.

The Commander in Chief will cause immediate returns to be made of the deficiencies of each State according to this arrangement.

You will observe, Sir, that the respective States are to select from the line of the army, the number of officers to command the several regiments to them respectively assigned, taking notice, that no new appointment is to be made of higher rank than Lieut. Colonel Commandant, for substantial reasons supposed to be known to all the States.

But the first and immediate object is to complete the regiments to their full numbers of non-commissioned officers and privates, which is recommended in the most pressing manner, as of the greatest importance. I have the honour to be, with every sentiment of esteem and respect, your Excellency's most obedient servant.

CHARLES HORTINGTON, President. (Public Service.)

His Excellency the Governor of Rhode-Island.

IN CONGRESS, Sept. 21, 1780.

Resolved, That the regular army of the United States, from and after the first day of January next, consist of

- 4 Regiments of Cavalry, or Light Dragoons.
- 4 Regiments of Artillery.
- 49 Regiments of Infantry, exclusive of Col. Hazen's regiment hereafter mentioned.
- 1 Regiment of Artificers.

That each regiment of Cavalry, or Light Dragoons, consist of six troops, and that each troop consist of 64 non-commissioned officers and privates, with the same number of commissioned officers as at present.

That each regiment of artillery consist of nine companies, and that each company consist of 65 non-commissioned officers and privates, with the same number of commissioned officers as at present.

That each regiment of infantry consist of nine companies, and each company of 64 non-commissioned officers and privates, and that the regiment of artificers consist of eight companies, and each company of 60 non-commissioned officers and privates.

That the several States furnish the following quota, viz. New-Hampshire, 2 regiments of infantry; Massachusetts-Bay, 10 regiments of ditto;

And one regiment of artillery; Rhode-Island, 1 regiment of infantry; Connecticut, 5 regiments of ditto;

and one of cavalry; New-York, 2 regiments of infantry; and one of artillery;

New-Jersey, 2 regiments of infantry; Pennsylvania, 6 regiments of infantry;

one of artillery, 1 of cavalry, and 1 of artificers; Delaware, 1 regiment of infantry;

Maryland, 5 regiments of ditto; Virginia, 8 regiments of ditto,

one of artillery, and two of cavalry; North-Carolina, 4 regiments of infantry;

South-Carolina, 2 regiments of infantry; Georgia, 1 regiment of ditto.

That the States select from the line of the army, a proper number of officers to command the several regiments to them respectively assigned, taking notice that no new appointment is to be made of a higher rank than that of Lieutenant Colonel Commandant.

That the States be, and they are hereby called upon in the most pressing manner, to have their regiments completed, and in the field by the first day of January next at farthest.

That it be recommended to the States to fill up their respective regiments by enlistments, for and during the war; but in case the full quota of any of the States cannot be completed with such recruits by the 1st day of December next, that it be recommended to the States to supply the deficiency with the men engaged to serve for not less than one year, unless sooner relieved by recruits enlisted for the war, which they are requested to exert their utmost endeavours to obtain as speedily as possible, and in order thereto, it is further recommended that the officers at camp be empowered and directed to use every prudent measure, and improve every favourable opportunity to enlist for the continuance of the war such of the men belonging to that respective States as are not engaged for that period, whether now in the field, or heretofore from time to time joining the army; and that a recruiting officer from each corps to be kept in the State which the regiments respectively belong to, to enlist recruits for the war, as well as to relieve those who are engaged for a shorter or limited term, as to supply casual deficiencies.

That two dollars be granted to the recruiting officer for every able bodied soldier he shall enlist for the war who shall join the army, and that a sum, not exceeding fifty dollars be allowed as a bounty to every such recruit.

Extract from the Minutes.

CHARLES THOMSON, Sec.

From the London Papers, Dec. 9.

L O N D O N.

We are assured that Government expect every hour to hear of an engagement between the grand fleet and the combined fleets of France and Spain, and Admiral Darby has orders to engage them at all events. Some accounts were received on Wednesday night, which left Admiral Darby off Cape Finisterre, and they have also accounts of the French and Spanish fleets having sailed a second time from Cadiz.

Lord G— is said to have made his peace with Ministry for the good things lately bestowed on his sons-in-law; but he cannot in decency take an active part with them (after what he has so publicly said of them) till some regulations takes place relative to the American war.

A few days ago a cause was tried before Lord Chief Justice Loughborough, in the Common Pleas, the determination of which destroys what has been deemed by some to be the law of merchants in this Kingdom, which is, that if a person on whom a bill is drawn, writes upon it, he makes himself answerable, and the writing, whatever it may be, amounts to an acceptance. In the present case, the defendant had written, "I will not accept this bill;" and the verdict was given that it was an acceptance.

On Thursday last, came on to be tried before the Right Honourable Lord Loughborough, Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Guildhall, London, a cause wherein the possessor of a bank-note for 300 l. was plaintiff, and one of the cashiers of the Bank was defendant. The action was brought in trover, to recover the note in question, which had been stopped by the defendant, and which had been remitted to the plaintiff by his correspondent at Amsterdam, for a debt of 300 l. and to pay a bill drawn upon him for the remainder. On presenting it to the Bank for payment the Bank thought fit to stop it, under an allegation that it was the property of Mess. Bate and Walsam distillers in Aldersgate Street, and been stolen from them on February last. The plaintiff immediately produced his letter in question, and referred the Bank and parties interested to proper persons, to know his character; and, notwithstanding no circumstance whatever was suggested to impeach the plaintiff's character, the Bank or persons interested, thought fit to oblige him to recover the value of his note in a court of law, and, at the same time, Mr Booth, one of the Governors, actually refused to give him his own letter, or even to take a copy of it. The learned Judge who tried the cause, declared the law to be already settled in a cause of Miller against Race, that a possessor of a bank-note was not liable to any prior circumstance attending it, and that possession of it was sufficient to entitle him to his action for recovery: That the circumstance of a note being stolen could not affect the possessor, unless proof was adduced, that he was privy to the theft, or had come by it under suspicious circumstances; and the defendant, in this case, not being able to adduce any such proof, a verdict was given for the plaintiff, for 300 l. being the value of the note.

Mr Aston, the Solicitor for the Bank, was concerned for the defendant and, as appeared upon the trial, had no defence supported by law or facts, but the defendant's counsel thought fit to represent to the Jury, that the plaintiff kept a cook's shop, and that a gentleman who had received the bill for the balance of the note, upon being applied to to declare all the circumstances he knew concerning the transaction, said, he knew nothing of the matter, nor would say any thing at all about it, both which representations were untrue, the plaintiff being a grocer, and the gentleman alluded to having actually gone to the Bank, and submitted himself to be questioned by Mr Booth as he thought fit. There were upwards of a dozen gentlemen in Court of the first consequence in this city, ready to re-establish the credit and reputation of the possessor of the note, and the gentleman from whom he received it; but, the learned Judge declaring that such proof was unnecessary, and that it was incumbent on the defendant to produce evidence of notice, or suspicion of the theft, to affect the plaintiff: The witnesses were not called. We are at a loss to account for the conduct of the Bank on this occasion; and though we readily agree that the Bank are very commendable in assisting persons who have been defrauded of their property, in endeavouring to recover it, yet at the time of giving such assistance, we think they ought to draw the strict line of justice between the parties; and, when they are doing justice to the loser of a note, they ought to take great care not to do injustice to the possessor, for a

valuable consideration; and how Mr Booth, the Governor, came to refuse the possessor of the note in question a copy of his own letter, and to set up the superficial defence made on this trial, remains yet to be accounted for. We are however, authorized to say, that though the right to the note in question was yesterday sufficiently established by the verdict of the Jury, yet that neither the money or the note has been returned to the proprietor. The counsel for the plaintiff were, Mr Recorder, Mr Sergeant Bolton, and Mr Nares; attorney, Mr Evans in John Street in the Minorities. For the defendant, Mr Sergeant Grose; attorney, Mr Aston, Swithin's Lane.

On Tuesday the Lord Chancellor sat, at Lincoln's-Inn-Hall, to hear affidavits upon the merits of Mr Morris's marriage with his ward, an infant daughter of the late Lord Baltimore; but from a deficiency of affidavits, the cause was held over. Yesterday his Lordship sat upon the merits of the marriage of the Rev. Mr B—, with Miss —, a young Lady under age, and intitled to a very large fortune in the funds and otherwife. The question before his Lordship was, whether the bride was a ward of the Court, she having filed a bill by her mother, against Mr Sergeant Adair, the Recorder of London, her guardian, under the will of her father. It appeared that the bill was not filed, until some days after her marriage, so that no attempt could be made to set aside the marriage. The case was notwithstanding referred to a master, and his Lordship, who seemed highly offended at the transaction, recommended an information in the Court of King's Bench, as the surest way of punishment. Mr Murphy, in his harrangue against Mr B—, displayed much judgment, and not less asperity.

On Saturday Lord Viscount Fielding was unanimously elected one of the representatives for the borough of Beeralston, in Devonshire, in the room of Lord Algernon Percy, who made his election for the county of Northumberland.

The Parliamentary enquiry into the merits of the respective courts martial of Sir Hugh Palliser and Admiral Keppel, will not come on till the second week in February. The minutes of the proceedings of each court are now preparing at the Admiralty, to be laid before the house, which is the only evidence that can be adduced, and consequently no attendance of any of the members will be acquired, as it has been intimated in some of the public prints.

There is a superior kind of manly fortitude in a certain noble Lord, at the head of the marine, which even the bitterness of his political enemies allow, to be a striking and ornamental feature in his public character; that becoming firmness has ever marked his conduct towards his friends in adversity as well as prosperity, and no threats of the most violent faction have, at any time, been able to move him from this laudable line of conduct: His persevering attachment throughout, to Sir Hugh Palliser, affords the fullest confirmation of this fact; for being fully convinced that he was a much injured man, though others ingloriously skulked away in the hour of tumult, his Lordship nobly and avowedly maintained his friendship and opinion, from which even the midnight assaults of an hired and desperate banditti never could shake him.

Admiral Keppel was so confused when Sir Hugh Palliser had finished his long narrative on Monday night, that the moment he opened his mouth, he treated the house with a very handsome blunder by saying, that he could not sit still, without getting up to make some reply to what had fallen from the Governor of Greenwich Hospital.

Mr Laurens's papers, now in possession of Government, are so numerous as to make upwards of sixteen volumes in folio, and contain a variety of useful and important information. They filled a hair trunk, which, when thrown overboard, did not immediately sink, but were, fortunately for us, by the activity of a sailor, saved from oblivion.

A few years ago, Captain Gordon (a man of good family, and an officer in the British service) was apprehended in France as a spy, and being searched, the too fatal proofs of his guilt soon appeared; several drawings of the French harbours and fortifications being found about his person. After a candid impartial trial, he was found guilty and condemned to suffer. The unfortunate Gordon, like the much lamented Andre, received his sentence with a manly fortitude and resignation, and, like the virtuous Andre, shuddered only at the idea of an ignominious death; to avert which he petitioned the Court, that he might suffer in a manner suitable to his rank; and, as an officer, he permitted to die in his faith. His petition was heard and granted, and the amiable youth, dressed in regimentals, suffered decapitation amidst the tears of thousands. So different were the sentiments of a polished nation, from the narrow malicious principles of Washington and his officers!

We hear from Frankfort on the Maine, that a negotiation is on foot between the Elector of Mentz and the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel, for an exchange of some part of their respective territories. The Elector of Mentz is to give four baillages, containing Amenebourg, Fritzlar, and forty villages, for a part of the county of Hannu.

The States of the Austrian Netherlands have granted a free gift of 280,000 florins to the Archduchess Maria Christina, and to the Duke of Saxe-Teschen, her husband, Governor and Governors of the Austrian provinces.

Letters from Oporto mention, that they have had some bad weather, which had drove several vessels on shore, and a large Portuguese ship was totally lost.

Sir Hugh Palliser's election into the House of Commons, is nothing more than a prelude to his having the command of the grand fleet, which the Cabinet have most assuredly agreed upon. There is as little doubt too, that the whole affair between that injured Commander and Admiral Keppel, will be brought before the House of Commons, and the sentence of the courts martial revised.



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From the London Gazette, Dec. 9.
St James's, Dec. 9.

THE King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Grantham, the Honourable Robert Spencer, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, the Right Honourable William Eden, the Honourable Thomas de Grey, Andrew Stuart, Edward Gibson, Hans Sloane, and Benjamin Langlois, Esquires, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Charles Middleton, Esq; Sir John Williams, Knt. Edmund Hunt, George Marsh, Timothy Brett, William Palmer, and William Bateman, Esqrs. Sir Richard Temple, Bart. Edward Le Cras, Samuel Wallis, Paul Henry Oury, Henry Martin, and Charles Proby, Esqrs. and Sir Andrew Snape Hammond, Knt. to be his Majesty's Commissioners, in quality of Principal Officers of his Majesty's navy.

Vienna, Nov. 29. This evening, about nine o'clock, her Imperial Majesty departed this life, to the inexpressible grief of the Emperor, the Imperial Family, and all their Imperial Majesty's subjects. Her illness, though but of short duration, was exceedingly painful. She bore it with the utmost patience, and met her approaching dissolution with the greatest piety, fortitude, and resignation.

War-office, Dec. 9. 1780.

4th Regiment of foot, Ensign John Hodgson is appointed to be Lieutenant vice Joseph Blenman.

5th Regiment of foot, Major George Harris to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice William Meadows. Captain J. Gaspard Battier to be Major, vice George Harris. Captain-Lieutenant Charles Stephenson to be Captain of a company, vice J. Gaspard Battier. Lieutenant Richard Croker to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Charles Stephenson. Ensign Wingfield Halton to be Lieutenant, vice Richard Croker. Ensign William Meredith, of the Radnorshire militia, to be Ensign, vice Hunter Currey. Mate Henry Darling, of 15th foot, to be Ensign, vice George Baynes.

35th Regiment of foot, Ensign Bodechan Sparrow, of 87th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Terence M'Dermott.

40th Regiment of foot, Captain Horace Churchill, of 86th foot, to be Captain of a company, vice Alexander Mair. Chichester Fortescue Garstin, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Vaughan. Sergeant-Major George McKoy to be Adjutant, vice John Anderson.

60th Regiment, 2d battalion, Lieutenant Richard Massey Hanford, to be Adjutant, vice John Charlton.

75th Regiment of foot, ——— Manley, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Rees.

78th Regiment of foot, Sergeant William Stuart to be Adjutant, vice James Finney.

83d Regiment of foot, Ensign George Scott to be Lieutenant, vice James Scott.

86th Regiment of foot, Ensign Thomas Beaton to be Lieutenant, vice Hon. John Waldegrave. Richard Maitland, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Thomas Beaton. John Dickson, Gent. to be Ensign, vice ——— Johnson.

87th Regiment of foot, Captain-Lieutenant James Wemyss to be Captain of a company, vice John Delap Halliday. Lieutenant Alexander David Bradshaw, of 60th foot, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice James Wemyss. Volunteer William Southwell to be Ensign, vice Bodechan Sparrow. Ashton Warner, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Brooks.

89th Regiment of foot, Ensign John Brooks, of 87th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice P. Kemsey Riley.

90th Regiment of foot, Adjutant Mathew Hay to be Ensign, vice James Higginson. Volunteer Hugh Allgood Hanford to be Ensign, vice William Silvester. Ensign John Vaughan, of 40th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Loftus Jones.

Northern Regiment of Fencible Men, Simon Simpson, Gent. to be Ensign, vice F. Stewart.

Earl Fauconberg's regiment of foot, Ensign William Blinkhorn to be Lieutenant, vice George Lord Kingland. Charles Doherty, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Thomas Boyce.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, Dec. 8.

Plymouth the 3d. Arrived the Charlotte, Hyde, ransomed for 180 guineas; the Happy Return, Duke, for 220; the William and Mary, Cummings, for 170. They all failed from Portsmouth with the fleet under Admiral Hood, and were taken by the Civility privateer, of Dunkirk, mounting 16 guns, on the 30th ult. at eight o'clock, A. M. the Star bearing W. N. W. 14 leagues distance. Captain Bulbeck, in another ship from Portsmouth, saw the same cutter take and carry off a laden outward-bound West-Indiaman, with a lion ahead, a foreign-built ship.

The Mary, Captain M'Carty, from Dublin for London, was chased the 28th ult. by a French frigate, about 5 leagues from the Lizard, but escaped, and since arrived at Falmouth; Captain M'Carty reports he saw her take a homeward-bound ship, at about four miles distance from him.

The Jenny, M'Ilwain, from Christiansound to Londonderry, is totally lost on the coast of Scotland.

The Endeavour, Brice, from Falmouth to Bristol, taken by a privateer, was lost near St Maloes.

The Recovery, Withers, Dublin, Rider; Thetis, Viner, and about 40 others, bound for the Irish Channel, were well at Mountbay the 2d instant, with the Mackworth armed ship and Kite cutter.

The Sally, Moor, from Ipswich to Plymouth, is taken; the Captain is carried to Dunkirk.

The William, Joy, from Omega to Liverpool, is put into the Orkneys with the loss of her foremast.

The Clytus, Dias, from London to America, is taken by la Gracieu and Medea, French frigates, and carried into Cadiz.

A ship, supposed to be the Brighton, Belt, was taken in Boston Bay, and carried into New York.

From the London Papers, Dec. 6.
L O N D O N.

Yesterday, at the breaking up of the levee, the Earl of Carlisle came to St James's; and after the Ministers had severally been with the King, his Lordship was conducted to an audience in the closet; the conference lasted upwards of an hour; after which his Lordship took leave of his Majesty intending early in the ensuing week to set out for his Government of Ireland.

There are letters received in town yesterday from Calais, which say, that advice was received there of the arrival of the Count d'Estaing, with the Admirals Guichen and Le Gras, and 41 sail of the line, at Breil.

It has been reported these two days, that the Dutch have, through the medium of Sir Joseph Yorke, sent an ample apology to our Court, in answer to the last British Memorial that was presented by Sir Joseph to their High Mightinesses, and have, in the most flattering terms, assured his Majesty, that they will not carry on, or encourage any treaty with America, contrary to the wishes of the Court of Great Britain.

Orders are gone down to Portsmouth and Plymouth to send out victuallers to supply Admiral Darby's fleet, with all possible expedition.

Mr D——, of Coleman-street, native of America, and refugee, has received letters of consequence from his friends, which positively assert, that three members of the Philadelphia Congress had actually resigned their seats, in consequence of senatorial cabal, and general popular dissatisfaction.

Admiral Hood, with the West-India fleet under his convoy, passed by the grand fleet, on Monday last, all well.

This day an express arrived from Plymouth with advice, that one of the French privateers which had done so much mischief between that port and Falmouth, was taken by Admiral Hood and sent in there.

Last night some dispatches were received from New-York, which were brought over in the Lark letter of marque, but which new has yet transpired.

The last letters from New-York have brought great orders for all sorts of goods, especially for clothing.

A proclamation will soon be issued for a General Fast, to be kept the beginning of February next.

An expedition, and that no very distant, is certainly resolved on, almost every ship in commission being preparing for sea on the shortest notice; but to whom the command will be given is not publicly known.

There is an association, under the direction of Governor Franklin and others, at New-York, for carrying on naval operations, which promises to be of great utility, as well by annoying the enemy, as by giving employment to many hundreds of Loyalists.

Letters from Breil mention the great scarcity of timber and naval stores through all the arsenals of France; and that, populous as it is, scarce a sailor, who has seen any service, is to be picked up in any of their ports.

The convicts at Woolwich whose sentence of labour on the Thames is nearly expired, are all ordered to be impressed for his Majesty's service and sent on board different ships, not more than five to each: This precaution will prevent fresh thieves from being let loose.

It is said, that the Bank have suffered 40,000 l. at least by the late forgeries.

From Madrid there is advice of the death of Gen. Don Fernando Estrees, the oldest land officer in the service, in the 106th year of his age: His opinion was consulted on the present part Spain takes in the war, and gave against it.

Yesterday morning died, in Leicester Square, George Lewis Scott, Esq; a Commissioner of Excise, a Commissioner of the Board of Longitude, and F. R. S. and was Latin Preceptor to his Majesty.

The hearing of Mr Morris's case, in the affair of Miss Hartford, which was to have come on this day, in Lincoln's-Inn Hall, is again put off till next Wednesday. Mr Morris attended, but was not taken into custody.

From St Maloes we are informed, that the Cour de Lion privateer frigate of 28 guns, a fine new ship belonging to Mess. Molaires, and which cost upwards of 14,000 louis, was lost on the 20th ult. about nine leagues W. S. W. off the harbour, on her return from a cruise of ten weeks, in which time she had taken nothing. The Captain and 16 men were saved.

The Demon privateer, of Dunkirk, of 12 guns, was lost on the 2d instant, four leagues eastward of Boulogne, and the crew, consisting of 70 men, all perished.

The opposition have, within these three or four days past, been uncommonly industrious in circulating a report that Lord Cornwallis had met with a great misfortune, by which the best part of his army had been captured; and this evening they had the modest assurance to think the credulity of the public quite sufficient to grasp the idle tale, though none of the officers under Government, nor any persons of consequence here, have received any kind of intelligence to confirm the above pretended account.

The East India Company are not a little perplexed how to act with respect to the appointment of a Governor of Madras. Lord Macartney has great interest, but is by no means thought sufficiently patronised to carry his election upon a ballot, as several persons who proffer their services for that distinguished post, have great natural interest and personal merit to plead. Some leading men have offered it to Mr Edmund Burke; and it is now beyond a doubt, if he chuses to accept it, that the Company will be almost unanimous in giving it him, as the best means of reconciling their present differences; but Mr Burke is said to have declined it, though we know not for what reason.

No more new corps are to be raised. Lord Amherst has signified the resolution of the efficient Cabinet on that subject; and none of the militia are to be sent to America, as was some time ago intended.

How soon the face of sublunary things is altered! In the West Indies the force of the enemy was so great during the summer, that we were barely able to defend ourselves; and our Commanders were pressing for reinforcements, by which alone we thought our possessions might be preserved. But now the scene is changed. The return of Monsieur de Guichen to Europe, has left us masters of the West Indies; and the Marquis de Bouille, from whose military force at Martinico we had every thing to apprehend when supported by Guichen and Solano, is now crying out for succour, complaining that he has no naval defence, and that he has every thing to fear from the English, who now command all the islands.

Letters from Petersburg mention, that several ships were put back from the Sound, having met with bad weather, and received so much damage, that they will be obliged to winter there.

We hear from Copenhagen, that the Jutland, a Danish man of war is returned there from the North Seas, and that the Infedus Rotten (the *Natives Right*) of 64 guns, failed on the 25th of October for the Cape of Good Hope, to convey home the Danish ships from Canton, Bengal, and Tranquebar.

Extract of a letter from New-York, Oct. 30.

"We have lately made great havoc with the rebel frigates and privateers. The whole Congressional navy consists now of no more than four frigates. Washington is near Hackinsack, in New-Jersey, and his whole force amounts to about 6000 men. Sir John Johnson and Major Cerleton, with a large body of Indians, Loyalists, and some Refugees, are on our frontiers, and are doing very well. Admiral Rodney is still here; his ships were in want of repairs but will soon be completed, and then I suppose he will return to the West-Indies. The rebels talk of some advantages they have lately gained over Lord Kawdon, and Col. Ferguson, but I look upon them as stories made merely to excite the people to march, to oppose the progress of the King's troops to the southward.

"We have lately been much amused here with a number of intercepted letters and papers; they were taken from Pete, the post-rider in Connecticut, by some Refugees, who went from Lloyd's neck on Long-Island, to the Old Mill River, near Stratford, in a whole boat. Leaving a sufficient number of hands to take care of the boat, four of them went to Pete's house, at the distance of about four miles, found him napping, took the mail, and came off with it in safety to Lloyd's neck. They were gone only 12 hours on this little expedition. These letters concur with General Arnold's testimony, and with the testimony of all other per-

sons who are not infatuated by the rebellion, in announcing the rotten state of the rebellion in every one of its departments. They confirm the account which I have often given to you, of the deplorable condition of the rebel finances and resources. In short, those letters represent their affairs to be actually in a worse state than I ever did; and this must carry conviction to the most incredulous."

Extract of a letter from New-York, Oct. 31.

"The Congress have published, under the signature of Charles Thomson, a report (but only a report) of a defeat of Major Ferguson with 1400 British, at a place called Sharlotbourg, upon the frontiers of North Carolina. But what renders the truth of this much suspected, is the account they give of its being effected by so enormous a body of horse as 1600—that they attacked Ferguson well poised—that they fought smartly for forty-seven minutes—that they killed and wounded upwards of 300—took near 800—and lost 21 men—and that this glorious success happened so early as the 7th of this month: And so late as the 25th, they had at Philadelphia no express account of it, but take the account from a letter from the Gov. of Virginia, who had it in a letter from General Smallwood, who had it from a Major who said he was in the action. Upon which clear account they have had public rejoicings, so that we do not, and will not believe it."

Upon this extract it may be observed, that if the action alluded to had happened, there can be no doubt but an express would have been immediately dispatched to the Congress, and that it is not probable that a report passed thro' so many hands could travel so fast as an express.

Admiralty-Office.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Noble of the Expedition cutter, to Vice-Admiral Evans, dated St Helen's, December 2. 1780.

"I beg leave to inform you, that in company with his Majesty's ship *Perseus* and *Racehorse* schooner, on the first instant, at seven A. M. Beachy-head bearing N. N. W. about three leagues, we saw a brig privateer. Captain Dacres, of the *Perseus*, made a signal for a general chase. At eleven the *Perseus* fired a gun at the privateer, which she returned with two broadsides. The *Perseus* then discharged her broadside, when the privateer struck. Lieutenant Baker, commander of the *Racehorse*, hoisted out his boat, and went on board the privateer, and remaining on board himself, sent his boat to acquaint Capt. Dacres with the situation he found her in.

At a quarter past eleven the privateer filled and sunk. We hoisted out our boat to save as many of the people as possible that were swimming on oars, &c. There were taken up by the Expedition's boat three of the Frenchmen alive, and Lieutenant Baker, who was found drowned with two Frenchmen, floating on the water. How many were saved by the *Perseus* and *Racehorse*'s boats, I cannot determine; but I think it could not be many, it then blowing fresh, and a large swell.

"I learned from the prisoners, that the privateer's name was the Count de Bois, Pierre Swetwet, commander, of 12 six-pounders, and ninety men; and that several of the *Perseus*' shot had taken her between wind and water. She was a new vessel, pierced for 18 guns, had been two days from Boulogne, and taken nothing."

Extract of a letter from Faro, Oct. 10.

"The *Revenge*, an English privateer, of 24 guns, arrived in this harbour on the 8th instant, and gave us the following account of an engagement she had with a Spanish frigate, of 28 guns. She fell in with the Spaniard about 30 leagues distant from this port, on the 6th instant, at dawn of day, four miles to the windward, when she immediately set all the sail she could croud, and bore down on the *Revenge*, which had got every thing ready to receive her. A smart engagement then began, which was carried on for the space of an hour, when the Spaniard attempted to board the privateer, with a great number of men on her quarter. The *Revenge*, seeing their design, was prepared for them, and having a great many pikes on board, about ten feet long, with a point at the end, about four inches, which the crew had been exercised to, they suffered about 40 of the Spaniards to get upon their quarter, when they immediately charged with their pikes, and drove them back to their ship with great loss; six of them fell over the quarter. The frigate then hauled off, appearing to have had enough of it, and made the best of her way to the port she was bound for. The *Revenge* received but little damage, and had only two of her men wounded.

Yesterday, at Guildhall, No. 30,284, being first drawn, was entitled to 3000 l.

No. 9110, a prize of 1000 l.

No. 27,357, a prize of 500 l.

No. 28,343, 30,087, 38,605, 38,535, prizes of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 12,217, 22,781, 41,062, 46,418, 46,789, 46,259,

25,466, 47,429, 18,568, 42,827, 39,669, 43,137.

This day, at Guildhall, No. 20,070 was drawn a prize of 1000 l.

No. 27,728, 42,967, prizes of 500 l.

No. 918, 39,707, prizes of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 17,618, 36,225, 36,945, 19,719, 22,830, 3992,

40,127, 16,723, 38,628, 19,253, 6072, 42,033, 35,353.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, December 9.

"A very material change in the police of this country is likely in a short time to take place, through the representation of the Attorney General, who does not approve of the public manner in which persons have of late years been examined before Magistrates in the first instance. Indeed, till the time of Sir John Fielding, the practice was totally unknown, and the utmost secrecy was observed, upon a person being examined on any charge made against him. That Magistrate, however, broke through the known and accustomed practice; and persons, upon their being accused, either directly or indirectly, or ever so remotely, were put to a public bar, where they underwent a kind of trial, rather than an examination; and it frequently happened, that though the person accused appeared to be innocent, and was in consequence of it set at liberty, yet his having been exhibited in so public a manner, prejudiced him too deeply in the opinion of the world, for him ever to get the better of it. The mode of conduct used for so long a period by Sir John Fielding, and not only criticised at, but countenanced by Government, in sending upon him a salary of 500 l. per year, since his death, been invariably pursued by his surviving colleagues in office, and by a number of other Magistrates, who have formed offices for the examination of prisoners. It is therefore to be accounted rather a matter of surprise, that, after so many years standing, the practice should be called in question, and threatened with a speedy and entire abolition. The Magistrates of the Public Office in Bow-street are said to be of themselves desiring some regulation, to remove the objection the Attorney General has to their mode of examining persons accused before them. However that may be, the hints

that the Crown lawyer has thrown out, has given a no small alarm to the numerous tribes of trading Justices who infest the metropolis, and disgrace the order of magistracy.

"The forgeries upon the Bank of England are thought to be greater in number, and of a more alarming nature than was at first imagined. A gentleman of a great house in the city has forged notes in his possession, to the amount of 2000 l. Though great search has been made after the authors, no success has attended the pursuit. There are some who pretend to speak with great certainty, that the forgeries have been committed by persons procured by the Americans for that purpose, and sent over here to bring a confusion and distrust upon our paper currency.

"Admiral is every day expected from Admiral Darby, who is out with the grand fleet, as there is great reason to think he may before this time have fallen in with Monsieur d'Estaing, with whom he has positive orders to fight, should he happen to meet him.

"The leading members of the Efficient Cabinet have lately had no very trifling disputes respecting the proper steps to be taken with America. The minister is confidently said to be for having a peace on as good terms as can be procured, and a negotiation immediately opened on our part for that purpose. His Lordship thinks this the proper time for attaining to great objects, when the impression of the late victory by Lord Cornwallis over the rebels has depressed their spirits very much below the hope of independency. The Earl of Hillsborough, Lord Stormont, the Lord Chancellor, and Lord Sandwich, are reported to be for pursuing the most vigorous measures; and the rest of the Cabinet Counsellors are equally averse to our opening any kind of treaty with a people that have already so wantonly contemned our late overtures made by the Earl of Carlisle, and the other Commissioners.

"The unfortunate Figget, late body coachman to his Majesty, was by no means sudden in his resolution to destroy himself, having prepared himself for the desperate act upwards of a fortnight; and left a will to his wife previous to the deed; cancelling, at the same time, another will that he had made in favour of a woman with whom he had cohabited.

"The hard fortune of Lord George Gordon becomes every day more and more serious. Another jail-delivery has gone off, and nothing brought against him. It is said, that Ministry now wish to compromise matters with this unfortunate young Nobleman."

Monday, Alexander Murray, Esq; Solicitor-General, member of Parliament for the county of Peebles, and William Miller, Esq; member for this city, arrived in town from London.

Henry Jones, Esq; partner in the house of Jones, Harvard, and Jones, London, universally known in this country, is elected member of Parliament for Divizes in Wilts.

On Thursday the 7th current, died suddenly, at Dunfermline, in the 58th year of his age, and 36th of his ministry, the Reverend John Smith, one of the ministers of the Associate Congregation in that place.—Pietty, prudence, diligence, and faithfulness, in the discharge of his pastoral duty, joined to an extensive knowledge of men and things, an engaging affability of manners, and a manly dignity of deportment in the intercourse of social life, rendered him respectable as a man, a Christian, and a minister. He lives, and will continue to live, in the memory of his family, his congregation, and the church of God.

December 11th, died at Culter, in the 75th year of her age, Mrs Margaret Dickson, relict of James Somervell of Corhouse, Esq.

On Saturday, the Court of Session decided a new question, relative to the oath of possession. A gentleman stood upon the roll of freeholders for Aithshire. It was moved at the late election meeting, that this gentleman should take the oath of possession; but, upon enquiry, it was found he was not in Court. The gentleman who made the motion insisted he should be expunged from the roll, because he had left the Court to avoid taking the oath; but this the majority of freeholders refused to do, which occasioned a complaint to the Court of Session. It was argued by the respondent, that the statute of Geo. II. enacted only, that every freeholder should be obliged, if required, to take that oath, before he proceeded to vote in the choice of a member, or on the adjusting the rolls, otherwise his name to be erased out of the roll: That he had not voted, neither had he refused to take the oath, having been out of Court; therefore there was no authority by the statute to turn him off the roll. It was urged by the complainant, that the gentleman was in Court; that he had voted for Preses and Clerk; but, when he heard the motion making for putting the oath to him, he went out to avoid it, which, it was maintained, was equal to a refusal.—The Court of Session ordered the gentleman's name to be struck from the roll.

The Commissioners appointed by Parliament to examine the public accounts, have given in a report to the House of Commons, setting forth, that they find the money remaining in the hands of the Receivers General of the land-tax, for land-tax, windows, houses, and servants, to amount to the sum of six hundred and fifty-seven thousand four hundred pounds; that the Public have been obliged to pay upwards of thirteen thousand pounds a-year of interest, for want of their own money, besides loss by arrears, in the hands of defaulters, to the amount of one hundred and thirteen thousand pounds, since the year 1736. That the two reasons given for retaining this money by the Receivers General, are, that they cannot get bills in the country to remit; and that two-pence a-pound is too small a salary for trouble and risk, unless they retain a considerable part of the duties for their own advantage. The Commissioners are of opinion, that the first of these reasons is fallacious, as the Collectors of Excise find no difficulty in getting bills; and the second is injurious to the Public. The revenue should come from the pocket of the subject directly into the Exchequer; but to permit the receivers to retain it in their hands, expressly for their own advantage, is to furnish them with the strongest motive for withholding it. A private interest is created in direct opposition to that of the Public. Government is compelled to have recourse to expensive loans, and the revenue itself is finally endangered. The balances ought, therefore, to be paid into the Exchequer by convenient instalments as soon as possible.—A bill will be brought into Parliament for the above purpose, immediately after the recess.

We hear from Galloway, that upon the 7th ult. and 2d current, Messrs Sloan and Wilson, officers of Excise, seized near Maxwellland, 64 casks, containing 5120 lbs. of fine black tea, and 26 ankers of Brandy. A seizure worth 3600 l.

By a letter from a ransomer belonging to Aberdeen, we learn, that the Roban Subile privateer arrived at Dunkirk, the 25th ultimo, having ransomed on board a very considerable amount.

The following particulars of the voyage and capture of the Marlborough, belonging to Liverpool, we are favoured with from Capt. Dawson, viz.

"I sailed from Basterre, in St Kitt's, on the 9th June last, having previously agreed to keep company with and give directions to the Quebec, of Bristol, Cornelius Smith

master, mounting 16 four-pounders, and the Mary of Glasgow, Hunter master, mounting 16 guns, both letters of marque, and the Rawlins and Nelly, of Lancaster, unarmed, and provided with signals necessary to our keeping together, to which they paid due attention until the 30th of said month, being then in lat. 39. 25. N. long. 45. 30. W. On the morning of the 29th we heard the report of guns on our larboard quarter; and, in the evening, on our larboard beam, the weather thick and hazy; we consulted what was best to be done, when it was agreed to alter our course two points more to the eastward, and carry as much sail as we possibly could all night.

"On the 30th, at 3 A. M. we discovered three sail at no great distance a-head, but being still hazy weather, could not make out what they were; between 5 and 6 A. M. we made out fifteen sail, all apparently small; but once which seemed at most a frigate, and concluded them to be an American fleet under convoy of said vessel: I then hailed the Quebec and Mary, desiring to know what they thought most prudent, or were determined to do, as the strange vessel had the superiority over us in sailing, we had no chance of escape that way; they each declared I might rely on them as determined to stand by and assist to the last; I then ordered the Quebec a-head, and the Mary a-stern, to form a line, the Marlborough in the centre, the two defenceless ships to make sail a-head; in the mean time I observed the Commodore hoist a signal, and a schooner bore down and spoke him, and then made sail after; as soon as she came abreast, fired a gun to leeward, and hoisted American colours, of which we took no notice, till having her within the attempted to get a-head of us. I then fired two shot at her, and hoisted English colours, on which she wore and stood toward the Commodore, who acted for a while as made us believe they were no other than we took them to be. At 10 A. M. we perceived her hoist signals, and three vessels to windward gave us chase, which now we knew to be vessels of force, (one formerly the Savile, of Lancaster, mounting 16 guns), and the rest of the fleet soon followed their example one of 22 guns on one deck passed us to windward, from which we received two broadsides without damage, she then gave chase to and took the Nelly. At 11 A. M. their Commodore was up with us, which we now saw was pierced for 64 guns, and began firing in such a disconcerted random manner, that made us yet entertain hopes of escape, and began to engage her; the Savile lay under our quarter near an hour, then sheered off: Thus we continued till 3 P. M. when I had the pleasure to see their Commodore's colours shot away, and, pretty much shattered in the hull, sheer off; but I had the mortification to find myself deserted, when my escape would have been secured, had the masters of the Quebec and Mary lent any assistance, or paid any regard to their agreements; but as I saw all my dependence on them was vain, having avoided themselves of the opportunity of our engagement to get off, and nearly hull down with all the sail they could press, I crowded all the sail I could, and got nearly out of gun-shot, when the enemy making sail came up with us a second time, and began to engage; at 4 P. M. seeing every hope of escape cut off, I ordered the colours to be hauled down, and was taken on board the Commodore, which we found to be the Fier Rodrigue of 64 guns, but only 44 mounted, late one of Count d'Estaing's squadron; she came from York River in Virginia, with tobacco on board, the fleet under convoy, and several American passengers on board, amongst whom was Mr Silas Deane, many of them assured us, if we had stuck together (as our first proposal was) they should have spent no time with us, but proceeded on their voyage.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Dec. 7.
"We hear, the report of John Temple's having absconded, and of orders having been sent to all the sea-ports, to prevent his escape, is totally void of truth.—He is now in London, and, conscious of his innocence, determined not to stir, though he knows that the suspension of the Habeas Corpus act may hazard his imprisonment during the continuance of the war. He went out to America in the year 1778, by the express appointment of Ministry, who knew him to be uniformly attached to the interests of America, in order to try and conciliate between Great Britain and the Colonies: He wished, and studied to effect it; and hence those recommendatory letters in his favour from Mr Powell, Mr Trumbull, Mr Livingston, and Mr Washington to Congress, which are so mistakenly construed, as making against him; for how could he so successfully negotiate a conciliation as by obtaining the confidence of those whom he was to conciliate with? Had there been any thing of treachery or treason in Mr Temple's conduct, why was he not taken upon his return to England, or, at least, since the capture of Mr Laurens, in whose possession these recommendatory letters of Mr Temple were found? Time will shew, whether this gentleman and his brother, who have uniformly declared the impracticability of subduing the colonies to unconditional submission, and have made offers of their services to assist in promoting peace and re-union upon any other terms, have not been more the friends of Great Britain, than that swarm of American refugees who have maintained the contrary opinion, and whom the supports at an enormous expence, though their information has hitherto served only to mislead Ministry, and to involve their own and the mother country in misery and ruin.

"A patriotic gentleman is preparing the draft of a bill to be brought into Parliament next Session, for the purpose of destroying the monopoly of fish so long practised in this city, and putting the home fishery on a more respectable footing here, as well as at Cork, Waterford, and Drogheda. This bill will also regulate the fares of boats plying on the river Liffey, and the freight of gabbarbs and lighters.

"A lawyer of eminence, it is said, has made a discovery of near three thousand pounds per annum, city property, the records of which had been lost during a fire about one hundred years ago, at the Rolls-office, on the Innsgay."

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high, 21 years of age, fresh complexion, round visage, black eyes,

brown hair, born in the county of Annandale, and parish of Grady, by

trade a labourer, had on his regimentals when he went off.

Whoever apprehends the said William Gass shall have ONE GUINEA

over and above what is allowed by act of Parliament, upon applying to

any officer of said regiment.

NOTICE

Edinburgh, 13th December 1780.

FOR SALE,

At the Tobacco and Snuff Warehouse, 2d door on the west side of

Bridge Street,

A Large Quantity of LEAF and ROLL TOBACCO, and

SNUFF of the different kinds, on the most reasonable terms; and

good encouragement given to retailers.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

ALEXANDER ANDERSON, Merchant at East Pier of Newburgh,

in the county of Fife, Nephew of the deceased Thomas Ander-

son, late Merchant there, begs leave to inform the Public, that he has

commenced business at the term of Martinmas last, at the said East Pier,

in the same line of trade which his Uncle carried on there for many years,

to the public satisfaction. He is hopeful, from the like due encourage-

ment, and attention being paid as formerly, that he will merit the Public

Favour and Esteem.

He has just now got to hand a pretty good assortment of WOOD in

Logs, Plans of different sizes, common Deals, and IRON; although

not such a large quantity thereof as he could have wished, owing chiefly

to the difficulty of importation from foreign parts at this late season of

the year; but as soon as any importation can be effected, he will make

it his constant and invariable practice to supply himself largely in Wood,

Iron, Wine, Teas, Spirits, Sugars, Pottery, Flax-seed, and other

articles, of the very best qualities, which were usually dealt in at said

port, so as to give full and ample satisfaction.

EXCISE OFFICE, Edinburgh, 13th Dec. 1780.

By order of the Hon. the COMMISSIONERS of EXCISE,

THERE is to be exposed to SALE by public auction, at STRAN-

RAER, on Thursday the 18th January next,

64 Boxes, } containing { 243 Pounds BLACK TEA.

26 Casks, } containing { 190 Gallons FOREIGN BRANDY.

The goods to be viewed at the Excise Warehouse on the morning of

the day of sale.

BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE LORD PROVOST and MAGISTRATES OF

EDINBURGH.

THERE is to be exposed to public roup, in the Laigh Council-house

of Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 24th day of December 1780,

at five o'clock afternoon, a set of the following subjects, for one year after

Candlemas next, viz.

THE PASTURAGE of the Middle and Weller Bearford's Parks, as

presently possessed by James Macleish gardener.

THE PASTURAGE of Dean of Guild Allan's Parks, presently pos-

sessed by George Mellis Bether.

THE PASTURAGE of what remains unsold, &c. of the Easter

Bearford's Park, as presently possessed by Margaret Macallum.

And a GARDEN at West Church, presently possessed by John A-

berdeen gardener.

The articles of roup to be seen at the City Clerk's chamber.

HOUSE to be SOLD.

To be SOLD by private Bargain, and entered into at the term of

Whituesday next,

THAT commodious DWELLING HOUSE, lying upon the south

side of the Castlehill of Edinburgh, originally possessed by the

deceased Mr Hamilton Gordon advocate, and now by Mrs Brodie, con-

sisting of eleven fire rooms, with closets adjoining to each of the bed-

rooms; kitchen, garrets, cellar, and other conveniences.

The house is pleasantly situated, and has an extensive view to the

south, and a garden in the front, with a water-pipe in the court, and a

gate and entry belonging solely to the tenement; the whole affording

every convenience for accommodating a large family.

These premises may be seen every Tuesday and Friday, between the

hours of twelve o'clock noon and two afternoon; and the title-deeds,

which are clear and unexceptionable, are in the hands of William Dun-

bar writer to the signet, to whom, or to Mrs Brodie, any person intend-

ing to purchase may apply.

N. B. If not disposed of by the middle of January, the house will be

LET at Whituesday next.

